

Hayes Family Wines is a small-scale, family owned and run wine producer located in Stone Well in the heart of the Barossa Valley. Our multi generation vineyards have an enviable track record of producing some of the region's finest wines. Our Estate Vineyards are Certified Organic. Our wines are made with thought, using organic, sustainable and traditional low-intervention practices, whilst embracing innovation. We have an uncompromising focus on producing the best wines possible; wines that display fruit purity, balance and ageability.

2019 BAROSSA VALLEY ALICE'S MATARO

GROWING SEASON

The 2019 Barossa Valley vintage is shaping up to be a stand-out, with very high quality across the board but with significantly below average yields. The growing season started dry and stayed that way. In September, the Barossa Valley experienced below average maximum temperatures which delayed budburst and early vine growth. Frost was a constant threat with two bad frosts in our Ebenezer vineyards in late September and early November. Stone Well escaped the frost. If the frosts and dry conditions were not enough, the flowering period was windy and unsettled, and a hailstorm on 22 November topped it all off. By the end of March all our Barossa Valley grapes were harvested – one of the earliest on record. Resulting yields were variable; in most vineyards below average, in many well below. The good news is that flavours and colours (in reds) and overall quality is exceptional. A truly great Barossa Vintage in the making.

TASTING NOTE

The grapes for our Mataro from the 2019 vintage were grown high in the hills above Ebenezer on the famed Schulz vineyard. The fruit was picked at perfect ripeness, late in the season but with a freshness that growing at altitude brings on this special vineyard. Hand picked, de-stemmed, before being fermented in a small open top fermenter. Matured in two seasoned French oak hogshead s before being bottled in December 2019.

This wine is bright, lifted florals, red fruits, with a medium bodied pallet supported by fine tannins. It balances the fruit drive of the season with a savouriness and structure that is unique to Mataro in a fine season. A wine that is drinking very well on release and will continue to do so for many years.

SPECIFICATIONS

Region: Barossa Valley
Sub Region: Ebenezer
Variety: Mataro
Alcohol: 14.0%
Production: 800 bottles
Cellaring: 5 years+
Winemaker: Andrew Seppelt
RRP: \$28



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